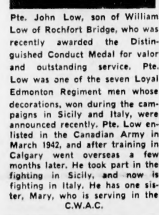


# Scharnhorst Driven Into Trap, Yanks Spectacular Battle

## After Bloody Battle Nazis Admit Loss Of City of Ortona

**Wins D.C.M.**  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The German communique said today German troops have evacuated the "ruins of Ortona," Adriatic port of 9,000 inhabitants which has been the scene of bloody street-fighting for more than a week. The communique was broadcast by the Nazi D.N.B. news agency.  
Northern anchor of the German winter front in Italy, Ortona is 11 miles southeast of the important 8th Army objective of Pescara.  
Canadian 1st Division troops forced their way into the town Dec. 20 in the face of German bayonets, flame throwers and tanks. Methodically since then, street by street and house by house, the Canadians pushed the stubbornly resisting Germans out of the town.  
In a dispatch dated Dec. 23, William Stewart, Canadian Press war correspondent, with the Canadian 1st Division, identified the troops working their way through Ortona as Western Canadian infantry supported by tanks.  
The Western brigade of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Royal Edmonton Regiment and the Seaforth Highlanders, a British Columbia battalion.  
Other Canadians have been engaged nearby, crossing the important Ortona—Cossiga lateral highway.  
With the fall of Ortona the next objective of the Adriatic flank of the 8th Army will be Pescara whither a major highway runs across Italy to Rome.  
Pte. John Low, son of William Low of Ruchford Bridge, who was recently awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for valor and outstanding service. Pte. Low was one of the seven Loyd Edmonton Regiment men whose decorations, won during the campaigns in Sicily and Italy, were announced recently. Pte. Low enlisted in the Canadian Army in March 1942 and after training in Calgary, went overseas a few months later. He took part in the fighting in Sicily, and now is fighting in Italy. He has one sister, Mary, who is serving in the C.W.A.C.



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### Delay Opening

### Completion of Recreation Hut About Feb. 15th

Originally scheduled for opening on Jan. 15, the large recreation centre and auditorium for Allied service men being constructed for the American Red Cross by the United States government on 100 street and 103 avenue, will not likely be completed before Feb. 15.

### Invasion Coast Is Again Attacked

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Allied aircraft were heard roaring over the Channel early last night and shortly afterward heavy explosions rang out from invasion coast of northern France. The action broke the Christmas lull in heavy aerial activity which had persisted since last Friday's record raid on the same area, where German rocket bombardments may be the targets.

### Crash Kills Eight

BOBOL, Idaho, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Eight Army aviators were killed Sunday in the crash of a four-engine bomber on a routine training flight, burned.

### THESE WOMEN!



By C. R. CUNNINGHAM  
Exclusive to The Edmonton Bulletin  
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**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 28.**—After days of savage fighting in the wrecked streets of Ortona and battering down one bastion after another, Canadian troops of the Eighth Army today had reached the climax of the struggle for the Adriatic anchor of the German defense line in Italy.  
An Allied communique indicated that final victory for the Canadians in one of the fiercest and most prolonged battles of the Italian campaign was at hand. A victory that was expected to clear the way for an advance on the important port of Pescara, eight miles to the north.  
Canadian units were reported slugging their way house-by-house through the last German toehold in Ortona. The Germans, waging the "little Stalingrad" stand in defense of their Adriatic keystone on the important port of Pescara, eight miles to the north.  
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**TAKE PRISONERS**  
Exclusive to The Edmonton Bulletin  
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**STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.**—The newspaper Aftonbladet said today that the German command had ordered the evacuation of Zhitomir, main base in the northwest Ukraine, which the Russians were driving south.  
By HENRY SHAPIRO  
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Exclusive to The Edmonton Bulletin  
**MOSCOW, Dec. 28.**—Red armies stormed over the approaches to Zhitomir, key-stone of the German defenses in the northwest Ukraine, and hurled an assault are three-quarters of the way around Vitebsk today in separate offensives threatening to crumple two Nazi fronts.  
A 30-mile break-through by Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's army of the Ukraine had thrown the German completely off balance, and in the Zhitomir sector, they were struggling to disengage and re-arrange their main forces behind a rear guard action of feeble counter-attacks.  
The onrushing Vanguard of Vatutin's army was less than 12 miles from Zhitomir, most vital German base between the Russians and the pro-war Polish border. It was pointed to an early reconquest of the strategic rail junction which the Russians captured on Nov. 12 and lost a week later.

**Expect Churchill Will Speak Soon**  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The Daily Mail said today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who is still in the Middle East recovering from pneumonia, will make a statement before the new-constituted House of Commons on the invasion, command.  
The newspaper said the prime minister, who may have been more than a week and that he took a hand in all arrangements for the organization of the invasion, command.  
Although it is understood no plans have been made for Mr. Churchill to speak in the immediate future, an appearance before the House of Commons or a broadcast return home would be in the normal course of events.

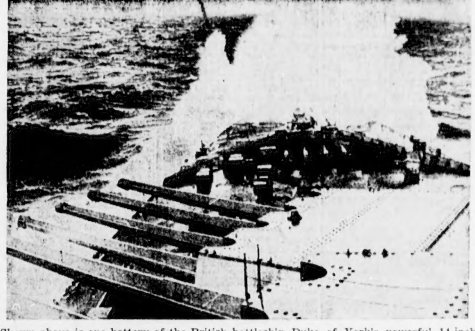
### Two Newsmen Die of Injuries

By DON CASWELL  
Exclusive to The Edmonton Bulletin  
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**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Dec. 28.**—Byron Taves, British Army major, and a Canadian, died yesterday from injuries received Sunday in the crash of a combat plane on New Guinea, it was announced today.  
Two Air Corps enlisted men also were killed in the crash which occurred as the plane took off on a combat reconnaissance mission to observe marine landings at Cape Gloucester.  
Jan Morrison, of the London Times, and Haydon Lennard, of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, were injured in the crash and taken to hospital. Their injuries were not serious.  
Taves received severe burns which covered more than half his body, and a fractured skull. He was conscious for about an hour after the crash, but lapsed into a coma and did not regain consciousness.  
Rayner died from compound fractures of both legs and one arm and severe burns and shock.

### Sculptor Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Vincenzo Verrini, 67, sculptor, whose work includes portraits of President Roosevelt and his mother and several statues of the late President Roosevelt, died yesterday after a long illness.

## These Guns Helped Sink Nazi Battleship Scharnhorst



Shown above is one battery of the British battleship Duke of York's powerful 14-inch rifles that helped sink the Nazi battleship, Scharnhorst, to the bottom in a blazing sea battle off the Coast of Norway. Details of the great running fight were revealed by the Admiralty late today.

## Red Army Smashing Forward

## 2 German Fronts Crumbling

**Over Wide Area**  
**3 Candidates Enter Contests Alberta Seats**  
Three more nominations of candidates for the next election campaigns were reported in Edmonton Tuesday.  
Two of the nominations are in the provincial field, and one in a Dominion constituency. One is a Social Credit nomination, and two are C.C.F.

**Record Improves**  
**Livestock Sale Shows Increase This Province**  
Value of cattle marketed in Alberta in the first nine months of 1943 was \$17,479,429, a 74 per cent increase over the same period in 1942. It was revealed in a statistical report issued Tuesday by Premier Ernest Manning, minister of trade and industry. Number of head marketed in the nine-month period was 211,182, compared to 191,488 in 1942.

**Value of cattle marketed in the same period this year showed a 32 per cent decline in value, with \$1,818 head valued at \$1,163,960 going to market. In the same period last year, 40,482 head were sold, valued at \$1,861,705.**  
Hog and sheep marketings for the nine-month period showed a 1943 year both showed increases. Hog figures up 26.5 per cent, and sheep and lamb figures up 24 per cent.

**Value of hogs marketed up to the end of September of this year was \$4,375,432, compared to \$3,752,828 in the same period last year. This year, 142,484 head were sold in 1943, the number was 158,728 head.**

**Sheep and lamb marketings were valued at \$1,708,068 this year, when 145,917 head were sold. In the same nine-month period of 1942, 143,923 head were sold, valued at \$1,373,529.**

### Butter Production

Butter production for the nine months ended Sept. 30 stood at 32,246,400 pounds, a five per cent increase over 30,651,862 pounds in 1942.  
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### Shackles Taken Off Some Canuck War Prisoners

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—(CP)—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mayhew of Toronto today said they had received a letter from their son, Capt. Jack Mayhew, who was captured at Dieppe, Canada, in 1942. The letter, which was received from a German prisoner of war in Germany no longer are shackled, the Mayhews said.  
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### Slips From Train, Killed in Quebec

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—(CP)—Oswald Stein, 48-year-old assistant director of the international labor office, was killed at night by a train in Quebec. The body was found on the tracks after it had been found on the railway right-of-way 100 feet west of the station platform at Rigaud.

### 61 Jap Warplanes Downed in Fighting At Cape Gloucester

**AT AN ADVANCED ALLIED JAPANESE BASE, NEW GUINEA, Dec. 28.**—(AP)—American fighter planes covering the marine landings at Cape Gloucester Sunday destroyed 61 enemy aircraft in combat, which came close to matching the most furious aerial scramble of the war in the Southwest Pacific.

### Deaths Recorded Today

Mrs. Violet Westcott, Mrs. Elizabeth John Elliott, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Mrs. Charles Kestelman, Mr. William Richard Russell, Baby Brian Edward Russell.

## British Battleship Duke of York Takes Part in Destruction

By WILLIAM DICKINSON  
Exclusive to The Edmonton Bulletin  
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LONDON, Dec. 28.—The 28,000-ton German battleship Scharnhorst was blasted to the bottom of the Barents Sea Sunday night by an avenging force of British warships, including the 35,000-ton battleship Duke of York, that cornered the Nazi sea raider only 60 miles from the shelter of the Norwegian coast, the British admiralty revealed today.

Disclosing for the first time the log of the spectacular battle fought out in the Arctic fogs off Norway from dawn until long after midnight, the admiralty said the German surface raider was lacerated into a death trap by a force of out-gunned cruisers and destroyers that clung grimly to the enemy ship until the Duke of York reached the scene and brought her great 14-inch guns into action.

Boldly chasing the Scharnhorst, to within easy range of Germany's wanted land-based air force, the battle-bungry British warships brought the raider to bay only 60 miles northeast of North Cape and left her flanking and almost dead in the water from repeated shell and torpedo hits.

**Duplicates Destruction of Bismarck**

Then the 8,000-ton cruiser Jamaica moved in on the stricken ship and delivered the death blow with torpedoes. Duplicating the destruction of the giant 45,000-ton Nazi battleship Bismarck that went down off the coast of France on May 27, 1941, after being caught in a similar trap by converging British naval units.

The Scharnhorst herself touched off the climactic battle by attempting to slip through under cover of fog for an attack on a Russia-bound Allied convoy steaming southeast of Bear Island, about 300 miles north of Norway.

Three British heavy cruisers, H.M.S. Norfolk, Belfast and Sheffield, commanded by Vice Admiral R. L. Burnett, in the Belfast, intercepted the raider and brought the enemy to action immediately, despite the fact that her nine 11-inch guns far outweighed their armament.

**Cruiser Scores One Direct Hit**

In the first exchange of fire the Norfolk scored a direct hit with her 8-inch guns and the Scharnhorst turned back to the south.

The cruisers promptly sent the convoy scattering to the north, while they radiated word back to the main escorting force and took up the chase.

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of the British home fleet, covering the rear of the convoy aboard the Duke of York, immediately headed his flagship toward the Norwegian coast to cut off the Scharnhorst's retreat, along with his supporting force, the cruiser Jamaica and four destroyers.

The German raider, apparently unaware of the powerful units closing in on its rear, hovered along the fringe of the convoy, just out of range, for several hours and then closed in again at top speed.

How many of the British destroyers were in with all batteries blazing and the Scharnhorst again was forced to turn away, after scoring a hit at the Norfolk.

**U.S. Destroyer Is Sunk by Japs**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—An American destroyer was sunk and a small coastal transport ship damaged by Japanese bombs in the waters off of New Britain Island, Navy Secretary Frank Knox reported today at a news conference.

Both vessels went down, but the United States navy later announced that the transport was only damaged and was being towed to safety.

The ships were not identified nor was there any information as to the number of casualties.

Knox said Japanese claims broadcast by the Tokyo radio, of the sinking of two heavy cruisers and two transports were "a fabrication." The loss of the destroyer and the damaging of the transport resulted from a Japanese attack four or five hours after the operation started, he said, and were the only losses.

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# Colonel Ralston "Only Hopes" War To End in 1944

By FRANK FLAHERTY

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(CP)—Defence Minister Ralston said yesterday he has a "very strong hope" but no more that the war will end in the coming year.

Colonel Ralston told a press conference he could "not go that far" with the newly-appointed supreme Allied commander for operations in western Europe.

**BIG OPERATIONS**  
Col. Ralston indicated, although he did not say so directly, that he looks for big operations under Gen. Eisenhower's new command with Lt. Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery as commander of the British group of armies, and the expected arrival of forces to be taking part.

The intention is, he said, that the Canadian Army will function as an army under the new commander succeeding Lt. Gen. A. G. McLaughlin, whose resignation was announced during the week-end.

The minister's statement was an official denial of reports which have arisen from time to time since the dispatch of part of the Canadian overseas force to Italy, that the existing army organization is to be abandoned.

In amplifying the appointment of Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart to the new post of chief of staff at Canadian military headquarters in London, the minister said a number of questions of policy have to be dealt with at CMH. These were formerly referred to the army commander, Gen. McLaughlin, but it was proposed to relieve the new army commander of this responsibility.

**NO DECISION MADE**  
He said no decision had been made as to appointing a successor to Gen. Stuart as chief of general staff at Ottawa.

In Italy, Col. Ralston said, he found the things of greatest need in need of war, movie film and news from home in the form of a newspaper.

**Montreal Workers  
To Stay on Strike**

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The week-long strike of more than 2,000 "white collar" workers will continue, it was decided by secret ballot here last night.

Members of the National Syndicate voted 411 to 285 to turn down the latest offer of the Guelph, Ont. employers, which includes the city's finances. The commission had suggested immediate return to work, with discrimination against strikers; regulation of a work contract; cancellation of any outstanding points of dispute; if employees decided they would be retroactive to Dec. 1.

The strikers had turned down two previous offers of arbitration boards. They want definite assurance of pay increases before returning to their jobs as clerks, accountants and stenographers.

The strikers are dealing with the Canadian set up by the Quebec government to control municipalities. Like Montreal, which has been unable to meet financial commitments.

**Air Force Men  
Sent to Canada  
For Treatment**

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(CP)—A spokesman for the R.C.A.F. medical services branch said last night some 100 airmen are being returned to Canada under a British air ministry ruling effective last April 15, providing that R.C.A.F. personnel requiring three or more months of treatment would be sent back here for it.

He emphasized, however, that the rule is not rigidly enforced and that there are many exceptions to it. Men requiring certain types of treatment might be kept in hospital overseas for longer periods than three months before being returned.

"We now are experiencing a flow of patients, but it (the ruling) has not given rise to a great influx," the spokesman said.

**Eno Executive Appointments**

A. S. MACLEAN J. J. CARMICHAEL  
J. C. Eno (Canada) Ltd., manufacturers of Eno's "Fruit Salt," has just announced changes in its top management. A. S. MacLean has been appointed vice-president and general manager, while J. J. Carmichael becomes vice-president and treasurer. Mr. MacLean came to Canada a few years ago from the parent company in England.

While in Canada he has served in an executive capacity in the company's headquarters in Toronto. Mr. Carmichael has been associated with J. C. Eno (Canada) Ltd. for the past 12 years in an accounting and secretarial capacity, and now assumes a vice-presidency.

# For Deeds Well-Done, They're Decorated



Wearing a dressing on a head wound, Lt. Max H. Mayers, of Memphis, Tenn., is shown after Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, U.S.A.A.F. commander in the South Pacific, presented him with the D.F.C. and the Air Medal.

One of the riskiest underwater salvage jobs ever performed was done by Tom Knight, diver of the Royal Navy, when he recovered a life torpedo from the ocean bottom. He won the British Empire Medal for his feat.

**During Visit to Camps in Italy**

**Loyal Edmonton Regt. Men Submit Brief To Ralston on Needs for Demobilization**

BY WILLIAM STEWART  
WITH THE CANADIANS IN ITALY, Dec. 28.—(CP)—A brief on demobilization needs submitted by men of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment of the Canadian 1st Division.

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canadian minister of national defence, during his recent visit to Canadian army camps in Italy, was shown a moral responsibility for the return of the fighting forces into civilian life, job.

**ASSURE LIVELIHOOD**  
The brief outlined the need for every citizen should be assured by all means available, notably minimum wage, health and hospital insurance and national security measures along the lines of the Beveridge plan.

**2-A large standing army,** however, is not sufficient to meet Canada's international obligations for the maintenance of world peace should be established and the active army should be given preference.

**4-Out of the existing overseas army a Canadian group for attachment to the Allied military forces should be established on a voluntary basis but maintaining Canadian identity and standards.**

**5-Preparations be made forthwith to let men awaiting discharge begin trade and other training as soon as possible to obviate the necessity for purely parade-square routine. Existing education personnel and trades school staff could be used as a nucleus for this purpose.**

**Rommel Completes "Council of War" On West Defences**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The British radio said yesterday that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt had completed a second round of council of war at which Rommel "convincingly" showed the German position for the western European area.

It said that Rommel, whom Hitler is reported to have placed over von Rundstedt as anti-invasion commander-in-chief, talked with local commanders and found defence installations "at the highest technical pitch."

von Rundstedt is commander of German forces in western France and the west wall defences.

**Private Bregger Abroad**

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(CP)—An R.C.A.F. student navigator who received his unconscious pilot at the controls and ordered his three companions to bail out, later crashing to his death with the plane, has posthumously been awarded the George Cross, the R.C.A.F. announced last night.

The student was LAC Kenneth G. Bregger of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Also announced was the award of the British Empire Medal to W.G. Norman D. Smith of Harvey Station, N.B.

The aircraft carrying Spooner, the pilot and the three other crew members was on a routine training flight when the pilot, fainted. Spooner, who never before had flown a plane, took over.

**Allied Command Nearly Complete**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—With selection of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder as deputy to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the main Allied invasion armies, the lineup of Allied land and air commanders for an encircling assault from the west in north and south was almost complete.

Besides Eisenhower and Sir Arthur, it includes Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, chief of British land armies.

Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the American strategic air forces. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, commander of the Mediterranean theatre.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of the British Second Army. Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the American strategic air forces.

Gen. Sir Bernard (Tolly) Paget, commander in the middle east under Gen. Wilson.

No naval commanders for the British-based invasion have yet been named.

Longest railway line in the world is from Riga to Vladivostok, more than 6,000 miles.

# Air Power Far-Reaching Changes in Strategy

By Maj. A. P. de Seversky

A series of recent statements have underlined the claim that our country has passed the peak of war production, that output can be safely tapered off and that planning can now be directed to the rapid conversion of war industries to peacetime tasks.

The most published of the pronounced change in strategy came from Henry J. Kaiser, who told the press that "the peak of our war materials production is just before we have hardly begun to fight."

**Some British Units to Join Canuck Army**

By ROSS MUNRO

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—Announcement in Ottawa by Defence Minister Ralston that the Canadian Army will function as an army under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied invasion chief, added strength to the belief that a number of British divisions will merge with the Canadian forces in England and give the Canadian Army a composite character for the European invasion.

It is possible for the British formations to come under Canadian army headquarters command.

If this course is not followed, the Canadian army here could scarcely function in an army which military parity parities, implies a formation of at least two corps.

Formation of a corps in the Mediterranean, disclosed Sunday night to be commanded by Lt. Gen. M. G. Crear, has reduced the number of Canadian troops here, although it is not clear whether they cannot now be cabled through the censorship from British Army garrisons in the army situation here, however, could easily be filled by excellent British troops.

One possibility is that an all-British corps might be put under the command of Gen. Ralston, another is that a composite Canadian-British corps might be formed to operate with the other Canadian troops as a complete army formation.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army group, with which Col. Ralston said the Canadian army would likely function, would probably include one British army and the Canadian army.

In Italy the British 8th Army and the Allied 5th Army make up the 15th army group. In Tunisia last winter the 1st and 8th plus the United States 2nd Corps formed the 18th army group.

Without doubt to British command, Munro's cable makes no mention of the 2nd Canadian Corps commanded by Lt. Gen. W. S. S. Somers. This corps, including three Canadian divisions, and an army tank brigade, is believed to be still in England. The 1st Canadian Corps in Italy is believed to include two divisions and an army tank brigade.

**Jap Papers Insist Army Hold Rabaul**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today Japanese newspapers are insisting that Rabaul must be held at all costs.

The Japanese papers are stressing the critical situation on New Britain and urging appreciation that the Japanese lack sufficient aircraft to defend the island.

The newspaper Manila warned against considering Rabaul too remote from the Japanese home country to be of real importance and said its conquest by the Allies would be bound to have great influence on the fighting at the front, the broadcast said.

**Buy U.K. Papers**

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 28.—(CP)—In a \$200,000 deal, Lord Lilf, prominent in the newspaper and publishing world until his retirement from business in 1939, has purchased the Birmingham Post, Birmingham Mail, and Birmingham Weekly Post from the estate of the late Sir Charles Hyde.

# Re-Elected "Monty's" Stepson Escapes Foe Camp

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The BBC in a broadcast yesterday quoted Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's mother as saying his stepson, Lt. Col. G. C. Carver, has escaped from an enemy prison camp and now is an aide de camp to the commander of the British 8th Army.

Gen. Montgomery married Mrs. Betty Carver, widow of Capt. G. O. Carver, in 1927. She died several years ago.

Informed of Gen. Montgomery's appointment as supreme commander of the British army in the European invasion, the BBC as saying "I think he deserved the appointment, but I would not be surprised at anything he gets."

About 20,000 prisoners in New Zealand got no annual vacation.

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### Christmas Messages

The Christmas messages which reached the enemy capitals cannot have brought much comfort or hope to the Axis leaders. The Schornhorst had been sunk, that the Russians were closing in on Vitebsk, in White Russia, and had torn a fifty mile gap in the Nazi line west of Kiev, in Ukraine. Tokyo heard that MacArthur's army had struck another Japanese stronghold, in New Ireland, with troops landed at two more beaches on New Britain.

To both capitals the appointment of General Eisenhower as invasion chief carried significance. It was a message that the invasion plans have been carried to the point where secrecy is no longer important, and that the storm may break on Germany any day. The message from the Russians with the Russians crashing through the second "blood wall" in the east, the official intimation that Germany must redouble its efforts to win the war, and that the Nazis, and almost equally bad for Tojo, who knows well enough that when Hitler is beaten his own troubles will multiply tenfold.

Peace on earth is definitely nearer because of the events of the Christmas week-end.

### The Mackenzie Oil Fields

Lt. Gen. Somervell told the investigating committee that the discovery of the oil enterprise has resulted in the finding of "the biggest oil fields discovered in the world in the last 15 years." The General is head of the Mackenzie Petroleum Force, under which the enterprise has been carried out. His statement certainly lacks nothing of being positive.

Neither does the declaration that the project was dictated solely by military strategy at a time when the Allies were on the defensive and their shipping losses were mounting rapidly; but that, in the light of the enormous oil resources that have been disclosed, "it is not a question of completing the project," but a question of expanding the output from a known source of intense supply.

With the investigation Canadians have nothing to do. The money spent was United States money, and the work was carried out by and under the supervision of United States Army officers and officials. It is for Congress to decide whether the money has been well spent and whether it is worth while to undertake.

We have however a legitimate and vital interest in the disclosure of how large are the oil resources of the Mackenzie region. The very positive statement of General Somervell sound good to Canadian ears; particularly good because it comes from a man well situated to know whereof he speaks.

### The Schornhorst

The sinking of the Schornhorst is a heavy blow to the Hitler navy. It was a 26,000-ton battleship, mounting 11 inch guns, carrying a complement of 461 officers and men, and had a speed of 20 knots. Hiding in Norwegian fjords this powerful and speedy craft has been a standing menace to convoys in the North Atlantic. It has probably sent more than one ship-load of munitions or supplies to the bottom on occasional ventures into the open sea.

If information from the British and neutral sources is substantially correct, the Admiral Donetz surface fleet is now practically out of commission. The German navy is known to have been badly damaged by submarine attack in its hide-out some weeks ago. The Genesau has been reported out of action probably for good, and being a fast anti-aircraft training school. The Admiral Hipper is said to have been written off and moored in a Baltic port. The Prince Eugen is reported badly damaged and undergoing repairs, the carrier Graf Zeppelin laid up in a Baltic port for reconditioning that will take months.

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### On the Move Again

The fierce counter-attack staged by the Nazis west and south-west of Kiev was essentially a defensive action. The quite evident purpose was to prevent the Russians getting a winter offensive rolling in the area. The freeze-up was delayed there beyond the usual time, and the enemy took full advantage of the mud which hampered Red army operations to consolidate gains made in the October drive. Tanks in hundreds and reserves in masses were thrown into the six-week battle, and the hope of recapturing Kiev, certainly in hope of dislocating and weakening the Russians that they would be unable to launch powerful winter offensives once the ground had been frozen and winter again came to their aid.

The Nazi high command thus paid tribute to the superiority of Russian troops in winter fighting, a tribute which cost the lives of many thousands of German soldiers and the expenditure of hundreds, if not thousands, of tanks and guns.

The Führer's generals knew from bitter experience that cold and snow would become powerful allies of their enemy. The idea of what another Russian winter offensive might lead to was a powerful inducement to forestall it at any cost. Not far in the mud and mire of the Ukraine, and Red forces should drive into those countries there would be mass risings on the part of anti-Hitler elements there, the whole southern half of the Nazi line would be destroyed, and the shadow of impending defeat would darken across the Reich.

Militarily the Nazi decision to fight in the mud rather than in the snow was not in the end was no doubt sound. But it involved risk of material and morale reactions should the attempt to forestall a winter attack fail.

Apparently the attempt has failed. The ground is freezing, and the Russians are again on the move west. Where can they establish another "blood line" into Hitler's problem, while Himmler and Goebbels employ all the resources of suppression and propaganda to keep the home front in hand.

Admiral Reuter is dead. He should have been hanged twenty-four years ago. He was a naval commander who ordered the scuttling of the surrendered German warships at Scapa Flow. Twenty-four German sailors were killed when British ships opened fire on the traitors. It was the order of Reuter, and due solely to British forbearance, that hundreds of them did not meet the same fate.

There will be very general and very genuine regret that ill-health has compelled General McInnes to resign his distinguished command of Canada's troops overseas and to take "several months leave of absence." To have spent four years training forces and to be unable to throw them into battle must be a keen disappointment. General MacNaughton will however have the great satisfaction of knowing that he forged a campaign plan for the Canadians, as demonstrated in Italy. Whatever further distinctions Canadian troops may win, a generous share of them will go to the man who through long and monotonous months of training taught them how to fight.

### Looking Backward

From The Bulletin Files

1893: 50 Years Ago

Fredericks, the Chicago murderer of Mayor Carter Harrison, has been found guilty and hung, recommended.

The same safe was brought across the river on Saturday.

G. H. Wharton has leased half of the old fire hall for a Raymond.

R. G. Hurdston returned Thursday from Scotland.

Harwell dance was given in Robertson Hall in honor of W. Kelly, late of the Alberta hotel, who is leaving for the Pacific.

A movement is afoot to establish a Land Bank in Edmonton.

Berlin. Stewart died at Calgary on Friday. He had been a resident of that place since 1890 and was a prominent citizen, and in connection with the automobile club.

It is rumored that the Northwest school ordinandus have been discharged.

Lyon and Co. are being caught in large numbers this season, having increased with the increase of rabbits. Muntz is also numerous and there is every prospect of a good catch of fur.

1903: 40 Years Ago

Regina. The Territorial Government has decided to discontinue the issuing of liquor permits for the unlicensed part of the territory.

Warm weather here and in the mountains has resulted in a partial break-up of the ice in the river. On the contrary, the water is very cold.

Edmonton. Hockey team proposes to go to Calgary and play the juveniles of that city. The team is composed of Charlie Matheson, Charlie Brown, Ray Power, Arnold Johnson, Chester Bland, Laurie Gaudreau, Gordon Bland.

Chicago theatre are to remain closed for several days, as the result of the flu epidemic.

1913: 30 Years Ago

London. The purchase by Turkey of the Brazilian dreadnaughts Rio de Janeiro, with money raised by the sale of the Turkish debt, was to have been badly managed by submarine attack in its hide-out some weeks ago.

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1923: 20 Years Ago

Premier Massey of New Zealand arrived in the city on the Canadian National, en route to Vancouver.

Hills defeated Church for the mayoralty of Toronto.

As an incident in Europe's "coldest winter" snow in the Alps has fallen to a greater depth in any year in the memory of the present generation.

President Coolidge in a speech at Chicago advised United States to slow down, and avoid over-production.

1933: 10 Years Ago

Ottawa. The number of registered unemployed in Canada at the first of December was 830,450. At the first of November it was 810,000.

Reno, Nevada. Activity has broken out in the mining areas of the state which has not been seen for many years.

The Government buying of silver is credited with the new mining interest.

Paria. The Strangberg and a Nany expedition collected in a dense fog, 100 persons being killed. The city commission has been informed that they are authorized to proceed as considerably as possible in the enforcement of tax payments.

Today's Text

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them.—Matthew 6:1."

He believed that he was born, not for himself, but for the whole world.—Luce.

### Nothing So Savage as Civilized Man Who Reverts

by CHARLES E. CAMPBELL

Charles Dickens opens his novel "A Tale of Two Cities" with a description of what preceded the French Revolution, "the best of all possible worlds."

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## Islands Have Classic Names

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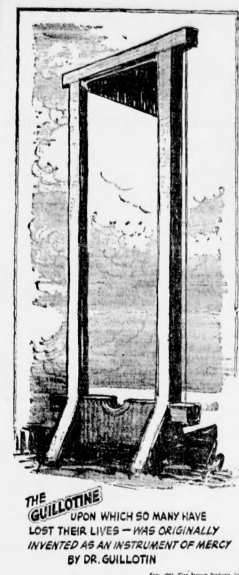








## Believe It Or Not



## By Robt. Rieley



## Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy

**NEW YORK, Dec. 28.**—A squad of lightning Latinos yesterday, after stunning New York with one of the biggest Metropolitan basketball upsets in years.

The mustachioed magicians of the Malesco made Christmas turkey out of the unbeaten Long Island University Blackbirds Saturday night before 17,043 flustered fans at Madison Square Garden. Cuban superiority was not properly reflected by the 40-27 score.

Havana's "Caribes" play Canians at Buffalo, N.Y., tonight and Temple at Philadelphia Saturday night. Without having seen either Canians or Temple play this season, we warn both that there's a cruel storm coming.

## THUNDERING SUCCESS

Blackbirds to defeat, but it lifted the sea's biggest basketball crowd to appreciative ecstasy with its fast-breaking technique and its flawless ball-handling of hell-leather, cross-weaving short and long passes—its slims, a veteran observer wrapped it up with, "It's the fastest team I ever saw."

This first international college cage game ever staged at the Garden was a thundering success. Before the Havana squad of 11 men left for Buffalo, coach Leon Morales, a husky, dark-skinned chap with a mop of light-black hair and a trim black mustache, disclosed the secret of the Caribes' speed.

## "NOT THE RUM"

NO, it was not rum that made them do their court rumba at such blistering pace. Morales noted the rum suggestion by a double play from his own impassive face to that of a somewhat shocked interpreter. His homesteaders echo the cask. "Kef enough drinks or has the right life, he is not you call jerked off the square quack," said the interpreter.

## GIRLS



## By Robt. Rieley

## Keeps Track of Service Boys

## Connie Mack Optimistic About Athletics of 1944

By HARRY GRAYSON

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Cornelius McGillicuddy, 81, is too busy to look back. The past has never been able to catch up with Connie Mack, president, manager and chief cook and bottle washer of the Athletics.

Entering Mr. Mack's office high up in Shibe Park, it strikes you that you should ask him about Old Moss Rosenberg and the days when Gilmore and himself formed the Slough Brothers and the pitcher was allowed eight balls and the batter five strikes, but the Grand Old Man immediately puts you on an altogether different track.

First off, Mr. Mack—everybody calls him Mister—jumps out of his chair and grabs your coat. He seems rather incongruous—you might be doing that for him. But don't even try to help him with his coat. If you do, you are sure to hear, "You're just like my Mack. Always handling me my coat, and she's the one always catching cold."

## ANOTHER EDDIE COLLINS

Mr. Mack's desk is cluttered with letters. He answers each one personally, many of them in long hand. The telephone rings incessantly. People drop in to see him about everything from renting the park to obtaining his autograph. The day of yore are definitely out, so you swing into a discussion of the A's who are likely to be around next spring and those in the service. Mr. Mack keeps in touch with all his boys in the armed forces.

Eddie Collins Jr., of the Navy, has just become the father of Eddie Collins III, by the way. The newest addition to the clan Collins ought to be a pipkin on the baseball field. His mother is Herb Pennock's daughter.

Connie Mack, Jr., the apple of Mr. Mack's eye, is to be inducted, Jan. 4. Mr. Mack speaks of Sam Chapman of the Navy Air Corps and the shortstop, Jack Wallasea of the Army and Al Brancato of the U.S. Coast Guard.

## REASON FOR DEAL

Mr. Mack likes to recall the name of a promising young pitcher who joined the Army early, and is disappointed when a baseball writer thinks of the name first—Dick Fowler. Mr. Mack sometimes mispronounces names—Grover, always Groves, for example—but never forgets one.

Mr. Mack explains the Newsum deal. "We had Hal Wagner back," he elucidates. You gather that Wagner got to jumping at the ball catching. Fog's a knacker, which was extremely difficult to catch. The inference is that Wagner should be a better catcher with no Wolff to worry about and that his hitting will pick up with his receiving.

Mr. Mack relates how a pair of pants made tall Jack Wallasea a clever shortstop. The Eastern high school lad had been issued a pair of pants that were too small. They couldn't be rolled above and this made the awkward Wallasea appear even more so.

It was Stanley Baumgartner, the baseball writer and one-time pitcher, who suggested that a pair of better-fitting pants might help Wallasea's confidence.

## SCORECARD WAVES ON

The Athletics now have 20 men, and Mr. Mack expects 15 to be of assistance. Even the shortstop who led the team in run-batted-in, is 4' 11" tall. Charles Kell, the first baseman who came up from Lancaster and once Cardinal farm property, 4' 11" tall, was used as a pinch runner. Mr. Mack likes Richmond, a young third baseman who caught the eye in three or four games last fall.

Mr. Mack is optimistic about Carl Scheib, not yet 17, who showed tremendous possibilities pitting 19 innings. This Philadelphia Olney high product stands six feet three inches tall, is going to be quite a boy when he grows up.

## SALE of Men's O'Coats

Now On at the ARMY & NAVY

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TONIGHT "JITTERBUGS"

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOWS

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THE MORE the merrier

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## Wally Kilrea Now

## Only Two Points Ahead of Gauthier

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.

(AP)—Henry's Wally Kilrea still topped the American League

Hockey scoring today with 31 points, two more than teammate Gauthier. Gauthier, his closest rival who last week drew closer to the lead spot by two points.

Bob Dill of Buffalo remained as king of the hat men with 48 minutes in the penalty box. Vic Lynn was in second place in this department with 26 minutes.

The leading scorers:

Kilrea, Hershey	19	G A Pts
Gauthier, Hershey	19	19 10 30
Gauthier, Cleveland	18	18 10 28
Hershey, Hershey	17	17 10 26
Hershey, Hershey	17	17 10 26
Hershey, Cleveland	16	16 10 24
Cummins, Cleveland	11	11 10 22
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## Boucher Played Against Vezina

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Frankie Boucher, who made a comeback this season as player, and was coach of New York Rangers in the Na-

tional Hockey league, holds the unusual distinction of having played against the first, as well as the most recent, goalers for Montreal Canadiens, oldest professional team in existence.

Boucher came into the National Hockey league, briefly, in 1921, and played against the famous George Vezina, original netminder of the

Habitués. In his comeback this season, Boucher shot at Bill Duv-

an, the sensational rookie goalie of this season's Canadiens.

Two-thirds of all a soldier eats in a kitchen of war comes out of a can.

ADDITIONAL STAFF WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 8

## FAMOUS PLAYERS THEATRE

EVERYBODY BE HAPPY

WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU SAW "LASSIE"—YOU DID, AS ATTESTED BY THE TREMENDOUS CROWDS WHO ARE PACKING THE THEATRE. WE KNOW YOU MUST BE HAPPIER FOR IT AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN OPERATING A THEATRE. SEE THE SUPRISURE PICTURE OF THE YEAR.

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## Germans Don't Like the Sound Of 25-Pounders

By WILLIAM STEWART  
WITH 8TH ARMY IN ITALY,  
Dec. 27.—(CP)—Germans do not like the sound of 25-pounders sniping exploding around them, says Capt. St. Clair MacPherson of Vancouver whose job it is to direct 25-pounder shells at Germans.

MacPherson is a troop commander with a Canadian field battery operating with the 8th Army. He is one of the forward observation officers who go out with the infantry to bring down artillery fire where it helps the most.

He is well known to the regiment with which he has worked in a large part of the Italian campaign and was with a battalion in a recent fight against a strongly defended river (presumably the Mero).

**MEET HEAVY FIRE**  
The first night the infantry forced the river MacPherson marched along with an entire forward crew of gunners, Fred H. Hutton and George Freeman, both of Toronto, and Louis V. Benque of Winnipeg. They ran into heavy machine-gun fire and MacPherson's wireless set was shot off the first day.

Shoulder straps on the set broke and Hutton tried to carry it but couldn't manage it and had to give it up.

The troops withdrew but returned the following day with the help of 25-pounder fire ordered by MacPherson, who ordered a full crew and new wireless set.

At this time, he was able to engage several targets for the benefit of the infantry.

The forward company reached its objective and held on to it until the remainder of the battalion came up and dug in 300 yards away from the Germans who were sitting higher up on a slope.

**PROVES SUCCESS**  
It was a successful operation and pleased the artillery officer who was enthusiastic about the infantrymen with whom he works.

He often supports them by the fire of his own troops shooting at the targets in the gun lines. For bigger targets he brings down the shells of his battery or regiment and occasionally, for most important support, he directs the fire of larger artillery formations though it is done through headquarters staff.

MacPherson, who is commonly known as a "Poc," army abbreviation for forward observation officer, says he likes the job and the part it plays in a campaign.

**Has a soft spot** in his heart for gunners of his own troop and believes possible casualties from the front line for about a week.

**Additional Sport News**  
**Yankees Expect To Have Keller**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Ed Barrow, president of the Yankees, says that as far as he knows, Kirby Keller has not been officially offered to his job in Maryland. Keller, he says, has received no such offer from his draft board. As far as the New York club knows, Keller's reported six-month detention, if obtained, would be given the request of his war plan on the basis that the outfielder was essential to the post. Keller's case would be further considered at the end of six months. The Yankees are waiting on the slinger next season.

**Notre Dame Loses At Saskatoon 7-3**  
SASKATOON, Dec. 27.—CP—Saskatoon Lions defeated Notre Dame Hawks of the Southern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League 7-3 in an exhibition game here yesterday.

Fighting in their first game of the season, the Lions averaged 4.1 to the first period, hoisted their advantage in 6-2 in the second frame and maintained it with the third.

Gordon Haggis, Al Stacey and Gordon Tove, with each and Gerry Chastain scored for the Lions. Douglas Tove, with two and Chuck McCallum were the goalkeepers for Wolves.

**Many Ducks Die At Niagara Falls**  
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 28.—CP—William Brown, 27, of Niagara Falls, says that he has seen many ducks die in the falls during the past few days.

Mr. Mill said the birds apparently lost their bearings in the fog and were swept in their doom. He is the owner of the falls with seven other owners and he said that the ducks were seen in the falls during the past few days.

**Paul Bibault Signs With Leafs**  
TORONTO, Dec. 28.—CP—Manager-coach Clarence (Happy) Day announced Monday that Toronto Maple Leafs have signed Paul Bibault to be regular goal-tender for the remainder of the season.

Bibault, recently discharged from the Canadian Army, replaces Bruce Grant, Owen Sound, Ont. product who came out of retirement in the last of the season. He played most games for Leafs this season. Grant will be retained by the club.

## Sturdy Canadian Nurses None the Worse For Torpedoing



Wearing bandages to replace their clothing lost when their ship was torpedoed en route to the Mediterranean these Canadian nurses recently arrived in Italy. They are, from left: Lucie J. Stewart, Montreal; J. A. Smeaton, Montreal; T. McDonald, Alexandria, Ont.; H. M. MacEachern, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; P. Cox, Westmont, Que.; R. Chuse, Chippawa, Ont.; P. Hanchet, Ottawa; F. Tullock, Montreal; A. Cooney, Schomberg, Ont.

## Survey by Newsmen Reveals

### German Air Power in Mediterranean Has Deteriorated to Hopeless State

Just returned from a tour of the Mediterranean war theatre with allied newsmen, Allan Nickelson in the following story tells the reasons for the German air force's decline in that area. He sums up the opinions of the newsmen by the various articles in this district. Nickelson, 30 years old, has been a member of The Canadian Press bureau staff—EDITOR.

**BY ALLAN NICKELSON**  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The German air position in the Mediterranean has deteriorated to a hopeless state that is aggravated by a shattering of morale that makes for relatively light opposition.

That is the general opinion of both operational airmen and ranking air force and army officers during a tour of the Mediterranean war theatre with Empire correspondents. We saw plenty of proof to support this.

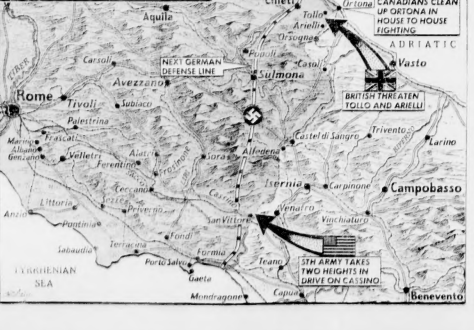
By air and road the correspondents travelled through parts of Italy and North Africa as well as to the Mediterranean coast. The situation of the air ministry to see battle scenes at first hand and meet such outstanding warriors as Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Air Vice Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, Air Vice Marshal Keith Park, Air Vice Marshal Harry Broadhurst, air officer commanding, desert air force Sir Hugh Lister, and Air Vice Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, leader of the 8th Army and recently named head for British forces in the coming New Year offensive.

**DECADENCY REVEALED**  
The most astonishing personal realization of how decadent the air power of the enemy had become came when we drove toward the 8th Army front by day and night and saw the state of the air force. The tanks were jam-packed with military traffic moving both ways. A German fighter-bomber couldn't have missed such a target.

But there was no attack. There had been none for a long time. Much of the Allied transport was seen headlighting at night. All carried lights of some kind.

Allied airmen and it was far different, including the German Luftwaffe. They said they were travelling under cover of darkness and in the face of enemy aircraft.

**Daily War Map—Exclusively in The Edmonton Bulletin**



## Major Relief Canadian Grain Surplus Problem Near Solution As Huge Stocks Moved

By JAMES MCCOOK  
OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The Canadian grain surplus colossus is moving at last and it looks as if the long nightmare of finding a place big enough to hold it is fading away.

Official figures, based on reports assembled this month, showed today that major relief is in prospect for farmers, companies and governments whose preoccupation for years has been finding accommodation for the mountain of wheat accumulated in the West at a time when overseas markets were restricted.

Even today, considerable stores of wheat lie in the open, insufficiently shielded by straw or other makeshift devices, but it looks as if they will be rescued before the grain's value is completely gone.

**TOTAL ON FARMS**  
A Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimate said that wheat, still in farmers' hands in the three prairie provinces is over 270,000,000 bushels.

Had there been accommodation in country elevators a considerable part of this grain would have been in terminal elevators at the Lakehead. There had been no accommodation in the country elevators. Finally, had there been reason for the collapse in the air, there would have been a place in the terminals.

The improved condition is due to the fact that the concrete castles at Port Arthur and Port Williams held just over 11,000,000 bushels Dec. 16. Less than nine months before they held 100,000,000 bushels. Dec. 16, 1942, held 12,000,000 bushels, the largest terminal holding in the Lakehead history, a store so great that almost every bin was filled.

**STILL HAS "KICK"**  
Here are other points from these interviews, all tending to show the reason for the collapse in the air. 1—Since November, 1942, enemy losses in the Lakehead from the prairies to the Lakehead during winter with space available for some 120,000,000 bushels.

**STORAGE CAPACITY**  
The rated storage capacity of the Port Williams-Port Arthur terminals is more than 145,000,000 bushels, including 52,000,000 bushels of temporary storage space erected in 1941 when the storage problem seemed to grow worse hour by hour.

This space was almost fully occupied in March, 1942, and authorities said some vacant bins already had been put to work to carry the normal handling of grain.

The frantic efforts to get wheat out of other grain under cover reflected in figures showing the expansion of storage facilities. On Dec. 1, 1935, there were in Canada 5,773 elevators and warehouses with a capacity of 423,000,000 bushels. A year later, storage space had expanded to 568,700,000 bushels. Preliminary figures for Dec. 1, 1943, in the United States showed a total of 603,700,000 bushels, a gain of 180,000,000 in the four year.

A substantial part of this increase is in temporary storage, built to meet emergency conditions.

The bureau statistics said grain in store Dec. 9 was 362,000,000 bushels, representing about 80 per cent of the capacity of elevators and annexes. Other quantities, including grain in water, brought the total visible supply to 448,000,000 bushels. To this total has been added the estimated 270,000,000 bushels of wheat in farmers' hands, making a total of 718,000,000 bushels.

**WHEAT FOR MARKETING**  
When seed and feed requirements are deducted from farm stocks the wheat available for marketing is about 288,000,000 bushels. It will not be possible for all these holdings to be delivered under the quota system which limits the total to 280,000,000 bushels.

As more than 10,000,000 bushels had been marketed in the first 19 weeks of the crop year, about 180,000,000 bushels remains to be delivered under the quota.

**White Mule Saves Valuable Horses As Stable Burns**  
ATLANTA, Dec. 28.—(CP)—An old-time belief that a white mule could lead horses from a burning building was proved true by a four-hundred-stoned steed owned by Judy King, well known Atlanta horsewoman.

Her combination home and stable caught fire while she was away from the city Christmas Day. The frightened animals could not be notified from their stable by the caretaker and firemen were hampered by lack of water.

Remembering the adage, the caretaker quickly quartered a white mule in a nearby building and led it into the building.

The horses quitted and followed the mule to safety.

**First Canadian Art Show Held In Italy Town**  
CAMPORASSO, Italy, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The first all-Canadian art show in Italy was held in the beautiful town of Camporasso, renamed "Canada Town" after it was occupied by the advancing Canadians. Fifty-seven pictures painted by Canadian army art units were on display in the club and some soldiers' work.

The pictures were water colors and sketches portraying the Canadian fight in Italy and Sicily.

## HOLD EVERYTHING



"But Mother, he's a commando and can stay out late!"

**Tabloid Paper Will Be Flown To Men in Italy**

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(CP)—Defense Minister Ralston yesterday announced that 6,000 copies of The Canadian Press News, eight-page tabloid published in London for Canadian service personnel, will be flown to Italy each week from England.

He also said that a newspaper would be printed in the Mediterranean theatre, combining Canadian and Italian news, which would be obtained in the area. News now is published daily by the Canadian Press.

**"Walks Dog"**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Magistrate Edgar Bromberger had to have assistance to get his dog over the fence of his court yesterday. Questions about his explanation.

Christmas morning he received a Great Dane as a gift. Christmas afternoon he received a walk. Said he: "Did you ever try to hold a Great Dane on a leash?"

## Enemy Ship Fired By Fighter Planes

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Beaufighters of the Coastal Command set one merchantman on fire, probably hit another and shot down a German flying boat in an attack on enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast yesterday.

P.O. R. S. Harrison of Vancouver shot down the flying boat with a single burst and watched the plane turn over as it tried to alight on the sea. None of the Beaufighters was hurt. A single anti-aircraft fire from ships and shore batteries.

**Interned Airman From West Enjoys Swedish Yuletide**

FALLUN, Sweden, Dec. 28.—(AP)—William Mainprize, 21-year-old R.N.F. pilot officer from Midale, Sask., interned at this mining town 120 miles northwest of Stockholm, had a Swedish Christmas with distant relatives.

Mainprize, who was interned after parachuting to safety when forced to bail out of his damaged bomber after a raid on Hamburg in August, obtained special permission to enjoy the holiday with Jakob Erik Danielson at the village of Djurane in the old Swedish province of Dalarna, north of Stockholm, in the Sillan Lake area about 40 miles northwest of the camp.

Danielson, a distant cousin of Mainprize's mother, had invited him from the camp and invited him for the Christmas visit.

**SHORTAGE OF MEAT**  
PETROIA, CIP—Introduction of the meatless day a week will be introduced in South Africa. One of the main causes of the meat shortage is the presence of large numbers of refugees. Allied troops and Italian prisoners of war.

## Hudson's Bay Company

Store Hours Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Wednesday 1/2-day Specials

**Men's Wool Windbreakers**

Regular 6.95 for

**4.98**

You'll need one of these windbreakers to wear now and throughout the spring. They're made of warm wool material and well lined with de-cloth. For extra convenience the waists are adjustable. Sizes range from 36 to 42 in brown and green checks.

—Street Floor at The Bay

**Men's Mackinaw Coats**

Warm wool mackinaws with heavy lining throughout. Every coat comes with a Canada 5-pointed star for extra warmth. Sizes 36 to 42 in light gray. Regular 8.95. Wednesday morning

**4.48**

**Boys' Windbreakers**

Every boy needs a windbreaker, and you'll find these especially suitable for school wear. There are many styles to choose from. In sizes 28 to 36. Regular 2.98, 2.50 and 2.95. Wednesday morning

**1.98**

**Men's Wool Windbreakers**

Made of wool blanket cloth with zipper fronts and 2 pockets. They are lined with a Canada 5-pointed star for extra warmth. Sizes 36 to 42. Regular 5.95. Wednesday morning

**2.97**

**Boys' Parkas**

Made of showerproof material with attached hoods... all inter-lined. Choose from many colors: green, grey or blue in sizes 12 to 16. Regular 4.95 and 5.95. Wednesday morning

**3.98**

**Men's Combination Overall**

Strong, durable overall made of drill material and buttoned down the front. Sizes are 36 to 44 in navy blue. Regular 4.95. Wednesday morning

**1.98**

**Boys' Mackinaws**

Warm mackinaws made of Price and Melton Cloth, with button front collars are Camel Pelt. Choice of Airforce blue, green, or navy. Regular 6.95. Wednesday morning

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**75c**

**Painters' Overall**

Here's a real buy for those who need that type of overalls. They are especially well made with a denim in the leg style. Sizes 36 to 42. Regular 1.39. Wednesday morning

**79c**

—Men's Dept., Street Floor at The Bay —Boys' Dept., Street Floor at The Bay

## Clearance Women's Shoes

Narrow Fittings Only. Clearing at, per pair **25c**

Here's a real opportunity to buy several pairs of really good shoes at an unusually low price. There are tires and pumps in a good variety of leathers. Some are trimmed, others are plain... but remember, narrow fittings only!

—Notions Dept., Street Floor at The Bay

## Hudson's Bay Company



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# Chamber of Commerce Forecasts More Goods in 1944

## Filling Military Demands Seen as Easing Situation Regarding Civilian Needs

The Christmas who couldn't get just what he wanted to buy for Christmas, and the retail merchant who could not supply many items, may find the new year a bit easier on civilian goods, Reg. T. Rose, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said Tuesday.

## Back in City

Although a survey of stores and shops in Edmonton revealed a general depletion of stocks, most merchants are hoping for replenishments after the first of the year.

Mr. Rose pointed out that some war demands have now measured up to a peak. As production in certain areas exceeds military requirements the difference probably will be made available for civilian needs.

For example, some of the wool previously required in the production of uniforms may gradually be released for civilian use.

It has been announced, Mr. Rose continued, that the production of bobby pins and hair pins of pre-war quality will be resumed, and it has been rumored that more men's shoes are being made available.

In Edmonton, however, the supply of men's shoes is still meagre. Mr. Rose emphasized that while some types of civilian goods may be made available, the general situation is not too much eased. The civilian goods program generally should not be expected.

## The Inquiring Reporter

A doctor, in making the statement that while this is the most educated country in the world, it also has the most bigoted and prejudiced people, has given to everyone, then, a further education should be given in mental and physical hygiene, he suggested.

He suggested that, in addition to reading and writings, together with the rudiments of mental and physical hygiene, be given to everyone, then, a further education should be given in mental and physical hygiene, he suggested.

Those who are fitted for it. What do you think of the suggestion?

THE ANSWERS

**VELMA MACARTNEY, switchboard operator:** I think education should be given to everyone, for everyone is equal, or should be. I think even those with criminal tendencies should be given the benefit of an education, as the more they know, the more they can help them to change their ways.

**A. BLACK, mechanic:** I am a great believer in education. People brought up in the proper environment wouldn't have the inclination to be criminals. Education is the only way to prevent crime. Crime always starts with petty thieving.

**T. R. GRANT, lawyer:** Healthy bodies are created by healthy minds and the way to create more healthy minds is to create more community spirit. You find youngsters sitting in coffee shops, drinking "cokes" and eating "candies," when they should be out chasing a ball.

**SPOTTS, owner of the city's largest sports store:** I think youngsters out so much that they wouldn't think about going anywhere but to bed.

**ROLLER SKATE**  
At the Silver Glade Roller Bowl  
124 Street, 105 Avenue  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 to 4:30  
EVERY NIGHT 7:30 to 10:00  
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No Skating New Year's Eve

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To Customers of  
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Due to water damage of premises from the fire in the Moose Hall, our studio will be closed temporarily.

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## I Saw Today Gallant Wounded Soldiers Express Warm Appreciation Of Not Forgotten Fund

Appreciation of the true Christmas spirit displayed by readers of The Edmonton Bulletin in providing, through The Not Forgotten Fund, a joyous, happy Christmas for the soldier patients in the Military Ward of the University hospital, may be measured through some of the letters that have reached The Bulletin office from some of the gallant lads who benefited from the fund.

To the many verbal expressions of appreciation heard during the distribution of the Not Forgotten Fund on Christmas Day, have been added documentary testimonials confirming the first reactions of the soldiers.

From the Military Ward of the University hospital one man, a veteran of the present conflict, wrote:

"This is my first Christmas in a hospital, and you can imagine my surprise when a very nice lady came into my ward and gave me a large parcel, and when I opened it, and saw the contents, I felt I could not express in words the warm glow of feelings and gratitude I feel toward the sponsors, and all who have made such a gift possible. So here is wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year. From selling old jags at a well-known main street restaurant."

**JOINT LETTER**

Another letter, signed by two of the boys, is as follows:

"To the many expressions of sincere sentiments of thanks for the lovely gift from the Christmas fund, we have received here in the University hospital of Edmonton. We also thank very much for the gift of the envelope with it, well, I can't express in words the warm glow of feelings and gratitude I feel toward the sponsors, and all who have made such a gift possible. So here is wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year. From selling old jags at a well-known main street restaurant."

**U.S. THANKS**

Here is another letter, written by the wife of one of the soldier patients in the Royal Alexandra hospital:

"Christmas Day, Mr. B., who is a patient at the Royal Alexandra hospital was presented with a most beautiful gift from the Christmas fund. The gift was a very nice scarf, etc., and an envelope containing a bill by two gracious ladies. The gift was very much appreciated. Mr. B. and I were quite overcome by the kindness of the donors."

"We are Americans, though Mr. B. is a veteran of the last war, having served in the Imperial Army-Queen's Royal Scots Regiment and later transferred to the Canadian people. Thank you."

Another patient in the Military Ward of the University hospital wrote as follows:

"Many thanks for the parcel from the Not Forgotten Fund. I certainly never expected it, and thanks very much for your kindness. I appreciate the parcel very much."

Below are further donations received for the fund:

Previously acknowledged \$1,925.00

R. McC. 2.00  
Selkirk Ltd. 20.00  
James Taylor 10.00  
A Friend 10.00

Total \$1,967.00

**Navy Is Seeking Further Recruits**

New openings for a considerable number of young men for enlistment as stokers, were announced Tuesday by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, commanding officer of H.M.C.S. Nonsuch, the Edmonton naval establishment.

Young men between the ages of 17 and a half to 30 years old, with Grade 10 or better schooling, should apply without delay for enlistment. Those accepted for the navy will be needed to go on active service until after the New Year.

Recruits for the navy have been maintained at a gratifying level all through the present year. It was revealed during the Christmas holiday season, however, there has been a slackening off, for obvious reasons.

As the stokers now being sought are urgently required, young men of the type named are asked to apply without further delay.

Members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps are given instruction in rifle and revolver shooting. The Edmonton unit of the U.S.A.F. had the "biggest" Christmas tree in the city.

The tree towers a full 65 feet into the sky, a fitting Christmas symbol for the city that finds its way to all parts of the world. More than 300 colored lights twinkled on the tree, and a streamer like a fairy banner draped across the top.

The Americans are in the habit of doing things in a big way. The Alaska Highway is a constant reminder of this to Edmontonians. So probably it will not come as a surprise that personnel stationed at the Edmonton air base of the U.S.A.F. had the "biggest" Christmas tree in the city.

## Retiring

John Martland, president of the Alberta Association of Architects and a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, who will retire from the post of city architect, is expected to leave the city after the New Year.

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## Home on Leave U.S. Citizens Must Register Army Service

Robert English, American consul here, on Tuesday reminded all American citizens in Canada that they have but three days left in which to register in compliance with the U.S. draft law.

The president's proclamation, he said, makes an exception for Americans who may be serving in the U.S. armed forces. Those persons are expected to register.

At the same time, Mr. English said, that in addition to 300 registrations already have been received in Edmonton and surrounding territory since the beginning of registration on Nov. 15.

He pointed out that American men in Canada who are subject to the U.S. draft law and who fail to register immediately face penalties.

Although allowance will be made for those Americans of military age who are in isolated areas and unable to register, they should communicate with the American consul immediately for instructions.

**APPOINTMENT OFFICIALS**  
The U.S. government has appointed in different parts of the province and in the north country to facilitate registration of U.S. citizens.

Those American males of draft age who reside in the Northwest Territories, Yukon and northern British Columbia are included in the above registration drive, and men on northern projects were registered in the past. They are now coming into Canada and, therefore, a light registration has been reported in those areas.

ment, an engraved pen and pencil set was presented to Tom Campbell, a past-president of the club, by the club members.













# World News Highlights Presented in Picture Form

From the Chrysalis of a Production Line at Malton, Ont., a Mighty Canadian-Built Lancaster Is Born



Test Pilot Ernie Taylor makes a systematic check of the giant bomber before taking it into the air on its maiden flight. Taylor is a veteran of hundreds of test flights. Here he checks rudder trim tabs.



Important step before the plane takes off is to check the emergency air supply, used in case the hydraulic system fails. Taylor goes over the plane completely from nose to tail, before taking it into the air. Safety is the most important on test flights.



Biggest aerial bomb made, the four-ton block-buster, fits neatly into the cavernous bomb bay of the Lancaster. The plane's capacity is eight long tons. Malton-built Lancasters have already gone into action overseas in mass night raids. The first, "The Ruhr Express", has bombed Berlin.



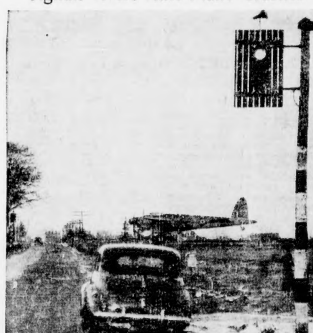
Final preparations for the test flight are made up the motors are started. A mechanic stands by, watchfully, with a fire extinguisher in his hand. The motors already have been "run up" by the mechanics and are warm for starting.

## 30-Bomber Nazi Raid on Port of Bari Wrecks 17 Allied Vessels



Worst blow at the Allies since they landed in Italy came Dec. 2 when 30 German bombers swept over the Italian port of Bari and left 17 cargo vessels burning and in a sinking condition. Henry L. Stimson, U.S. secretary of war, said five American ships were lost and casualties totalled 1,000 killed and wounded. Lack of fighter protection caused the devastation, it was reported. These two freighters were left burning fiercely.

## Signals Avert Auto-Plane Crashes



At automobile level this plane entering the eastern end of the de Havilland airport, Toronto, has the highway all to itself because of the traffic signals operated from a nearby control tower. Telephone and hydro wires have been placed underground.

## Nothing "Ruffles" Her



Symbols on the "jolly roger" of H.M. Submarine Unruffled indicate she has sunk 12 supply ships, totaling 40,000 tons, and three supply schooners, and has to her credit one Italian cruiser disabled, and a train shot up. Beneath the ensign and jolly roger are Lieut. J. S. Stevens, D.S.O., and D.S.C., and his second in command.

## Chinese Pilot



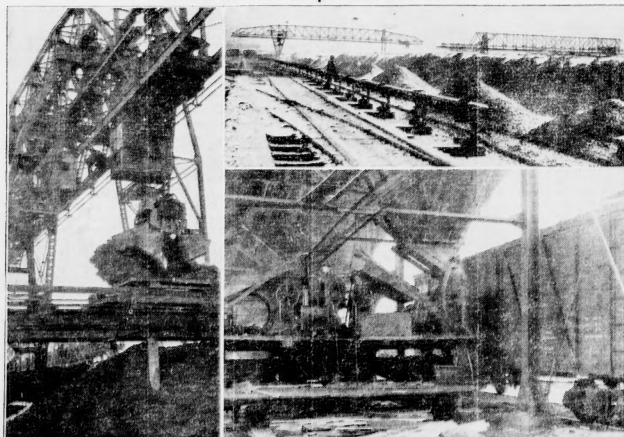
George Fong, 21, from Melbourne, Australia, became the first Chinese to graduate as a pilot under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan when he won his wings at No. 4 S.F.T.S. at Brantford, Ont. Fong, the son of a Melbourne merchant, was attending Melbourne University when he enlisted three years ago with the Australian army later transferring to the R.A.F.

## Nazi Gasoline Train Wrecked by French



This smoking wreckage was all that remained of a German gasoline train after it was sabotaged by French patriots near Varenne-le-Grand. Specially built for fuel transportation, the train was carrying 1,200,000 liters of aviation gasoline.

## American Coal Helps Canadian West



Realizing that if its own needs were supplied by western Canadian coal fields this winter, others might go short of fuel, the Canadian Pacific Railway during the Great Lakes navigation season, brought 1,224,000 tons of Kentucky and Illinois coal from Chicago to its huge Fort William coal dock. Of this total, 1,049,000 tons are being used as locomotive fuel between the lakehead and Moose Jaw; the other 175,000 tons handled for other importers. A total of 148 ships, most of them American ore freighters well adapted to coal carrying, moved the immense shipment between April 28 and December 1. Above photos show how

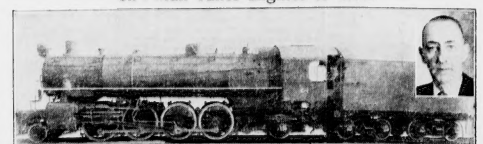
the coal is handled. Left, a 10-ton clamshell bucket on a travelling bridge dumps its load into a 35-ton trolley car which feeds the hoppers from which freight cars are loaded. Upper right, a general view of the dump showing about 500,000 tons of the fuel. In the distance are the two travelling bridges which travel the 3,000-foot length of the dock and house its 1,060-foot width. Lower right, the hopper, and boxcar being loaded for shipment. Importation of the American fuel is credited with saving Western Canada from a severe coal shortage this winter.

## Shows They Make



A flying squirrel affords Master Sergeant Wilkey of Birmingham, Ala., a lot of amusement. The tiny little glider eats dinner from the shoulder of the air force crew chief, who is stationed in New Guinea.

## C.P. Man Takes Engines to India



J. Marshall Watson (inset above) is shown with one of 145 locomotives being built at two Canadian shops, Montreal and Kingston Locomotive Works—for delivery to the Indian State Railways. The engines are built under supervision of the Canadian Pacific Railway's motive power department.

Mr. Watson has been with the C.P.R. shops at Winnipeg and Calgary since 1909 and has left with the first shipment of the engines to India. Another 70 locomotives are being built at the Montreal Locomotive Works for delivery to Jamaica and the C.P.R. also is supervising their construction.





WASHINGTON—On Sunday, by the midnight train, we left Washington for New York City. There we barely had time to wash up and breakfast at the apartment before starting off for Hyde Park. The train seemed almost empty, since we are now so accustomed to overcrowding when we travel.

We had a very comfortable trip and I read the morning papers and an article by Mr. Hiram Johnson.

We went over to my cottage for a few minutes just to make sure that everything was well, since I am not going to open it on this trip. Then I went over to the big house. There I planned for my large family over Christmas. The family begins to arrive today, when my daughter and her children come for a week in the old home, which the children have never entered without finding my husband's mother there to greet them.

I am sure it will seem very strange to them, as it does to practically everyone. My mother-in-law lived for so many years in this house, that she really seemed a part of it. Her personality seems to go right on living there, so you expect to find her sitting by the fireplace, or up in her bedroom.

Right after lunch on Monday, I had a short call from one of our neighbors, Mrs. Gerald Morgan, and then Miss Thompson and I went over to the Franklin D. Roosevelt library for the tree which we have over there. First it will be shown for all the people on our place, and then on Sunday and Monday nights for all the soldiers from the M.P. school near here.

The wind began to blow and the air was distinctly cooler as we walked from the library to my sister-in-law, Mrs. J. K. Roosevelt's house. We found her suffering from the cold which seems to have attacked so many people. But she was cheerful and glad to see us and interested in the Christmas plans.

Paul and I lost came to us yesterday in the news that Mrs. Joseph Daniels has passed away. No one could have been kinder to young people than she was to us when Mr. Daniels was secretary of the Navy and my husband's chief in Washington. She was full of fun and her life was a very rich and useful one. I can not bear to think of Mr. Daniels and her boys without her. She gave out a great deal to those around her and I think she was always the tactful and unifying influence which someone must be in every big family.

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YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW



"Could you direct me to a good dressmaker?"

FUNNY BUSINESS



"No starch, please!"

FRECKLES



CURIOUS WORLD



McCoY Health Service

Many people who are hungry for the taste of fresh fruit use it before bedtime solely because of the pleasure they derive from eating it.

Others, who have found by experience that the use of fruit in this manner will prevent constipation, use it regularly and report considerable benefit from the practice.

The habit of taking fruit last thing at night as a preventive of constipation is most likely to succeed in cases of atonic constipation in which the colon is relaxed and lazy. In such cases the bulk or roughage contained in the fruit may have a desirable stimulating effect.

In many foreign countries it is customary to use six or eight meals during the day and almost none at night. I do not advocate overeating, it seems that those people do well, providing the meals are not too large. Those wishing to adopt a somewhat similar plan of eating will find that whenever more than three meals a day are used, it is a good plan to make the bedtime meal of fruit.

The average meal leaves the stomach in about four hours, and for this reason all heavy meals should be spaced at least four or five hours apart. Fruit, when used alone, will leave the stomach more rapidly.

Those who become hungry before going to bed may use one kind of fresh fruit with benefit. Oranges, apples, pears, and similar fruits may be taken and it is generally possible to enjoy a good night's sleep after their use, whereas if heavier or richer foods are used, they may interfere with slumber.

It is my belief that while fruit is one of our most valuable foods, it is best taken by itself, or with milk, as a general rule be taken with meals containing starches. When fruit is combined with starch, the acid of the fruit seems to hinder the digestion of the starch, and the individual does not derive the same amount of good which would be derived when the fruit and starch are used separately.

I find that when I question patients, those who complain that they can not use fruit because it makes so much gas will generally be found to be in the habit of mixing the fruit with a starchy meal. As soon as they learn to separate the fruit and starchy meals, they frequently notice they are able to handle the fruit with perfect ease.

One of the heaviest about using fruit last thing at night is that there is a golden opportunity to take the fruit when either food has emptied out of the stomach, hence, when there is best chance of its being well digested without any trouble whatever.

When using fruit before bedtime, try to space it so that the fruit is not taken any sooner than three to four hours after the dinner meal. In this way you will get all of the beneficial effects of the fruit without interfering with the digestion of the preceding meal.

If you are hungry before going to bed, get into the habit of helping yourself to an apple, an orange or a pear. This is a good health habit and one which would prove of real benefit to you.

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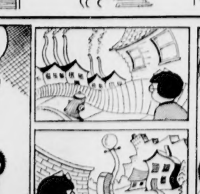
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